

“Bless Our Hearts (Part 1)”

Matthew 5:1-6

Today's BIG IDEA:

Before we can be blessed by God, we must first be broken before God.

The Greek word for “blessed” is the word μακάριος (makarios). It literally means to be _____. Contextually, it means to have complete and eternal happiness.

1. God's kingdom is for the _____ (v.3)

The culture's message:

Blessed are those who help themselves.

Christ's message:

If you don't think you need _____ from God, you'll never experience _____ with God.

2. God's kingdom is for the _____ (v.4)

A. Mourning when we _____

B. Mourning when we _____

- When was the last time your heart broke over a sin you committed?

The culture's message:

Blessed are those who don't experience pain.

Christ's message:

If you've never been broken, you have no need for a _____.

3. God's kingdom is for the _____ (v.5)

The culture's message:

Blessed are those who draw attention to themselves.

Christ's message:

If you seek your reward now, you'll miss the greatest _____ forever.

4. God's kingdom is for the _____ (v.6)

The culture's message:

Blessed are those who do whatever makes themselves happy.

Christ's message:

If you try and fulfill yourself with the things of the world, you'll never truly be _____.

ONE FINAL WORD:

The beatitudes don't save us. They show us we need a _____.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. What does the world say we need in order to be happy? How do Jesus' teachings counter those of our culture?
2. What is biblical meekness? How does this differ from weakness? What does it look like for a Christian to live meekly?
3. Define what it means to be "blessed." How can we attain that blessing both now and in eternity? What is keeping you from living a "blessed" life now?